Martin Ritchie Appointed CESP Chair

College of Health Science and Human Service Interim Dean Margaret Traband has announced that "Dr. Martin Ritchie has accepted the appointment as Chairperson of the Counselor Education and School Psychology Department. He is replacing Dr. Jane Cox who has taken a position at Kent State University. Dr. Ritchie will be assuming duties as Chairperson effective August 6, 2007."

Dean Traband went on to note that "Dr. Ritchie is a Professor and well qualified by credential and experience. His areas of scholarly interest include Coordinator of School Counseling for the CESP Department, research interests in the areas of accountability practices of school counselors, how GLBT students are treated in schools, and the inclusion of substance abuse training in counselor education. He has served on numerous editorial review boards and is a past editor of the Counselor Education and Supervision journal. He is a past president of the Ohio Association of Counselor Education and Supervision, and the Ohio Counseling Association and is a recipient of the OCA Research and Writing Award, the Charles Weaver Award for Distinguished Service, and the Herman J. Peters Award for Exemplary Leadership in the Counseling Profession. He is co-founder and past president of the International Association for Marriage and Family Counselors and a recipient of their Professional Development Award. In 2007 he was awarded the Thomas J. Sweeney Professional Leadership Award and the David K. Brooks, Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award by the American Counseling Association. He was recently selected to serve a five-year term on the Board of Directors of CACREP, the national accrediting body for counselor education."

Albert Ellis Dies at Age 93

Albert Ellis died Tuesday, July 24, in New York City. Ellis was one of the most important figures in cognitive-behavioral psychology and the developer of Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT). Ellis reportedly died of heart and kidney failure following an illness. You can read an ABC news story on Ellis at http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=3410131.

2007 Department Graduates

The Spring, 2007, University of Toledo Commencement Exercises were held on Sunday, May 6. The following students received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Counselor Education: Caroline M. Brackette, Sara Hanson-Lindabury, Melissa K. Dirkson Lanza, Jeffry L. Moe, and Will J. Pecsok. Students receiving a Master of Arts in Counselor Education included Elizabeth Bryant, Christina Dodd, Seth Evearitt, Kristin Farough, Anthony Geha, Linda Gilbert, Arielle Land, Ashley Layrisson, Linda Pierce, Andrea Raney, Erin Riley, Nida Shuibat, and Kari Sibbersen. School Psychology Ed.S. student who will graduate in August include Sean Stundon, Lysa Cage, Julia Jones, Julie Foster, Jennifer Klausing, Lisa Nelson, and Sharon Barnett. Congratulations to all our students on the successful completion of their programs!
Ritchie Receives David K. Brooks Mentor Award at ACA

Dr. Martin Ritchie received the David K. Brooks, Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award during the American Counseling Association’s Annual Awards Program held on March 24, 2007 in Detroit. The Brooks Award is presented by the ACA Foundation and recognizes the invaluable influence of a professional mentor. The ACA Awards Committee noted that, “Like David Brooks, he has an unwavering commitment to the counseling profession. An exceptional educator, mentor, and role model, Dr. Ritchie is passionate about his professional identity and shares that passion with his students as well as his colleagues.”

Department Honors at the CSI Awards Program at ACA

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) the counseling honorary society held its Annual Awards Program on March 23, 2007, as part of the American Counseling Association’s Annual Conference in Detroit. Numerous members of UT’s Chapter, Alpha Omega, were honored. The chapter received recognition and a grant for co-sponsoring a research conference. Recipients included Victoria Sepulveda, primary applicant, and included Amber Lange, Christie Jenkins, Jennifer Seymour, Tequilla Thomas, Kerrie Fineran, Arielle Land, Linda Gilbert, Megan Mahon, Phenique Hayes, Chad Yates, and Jennifer Donovan.

Dr. Jean Roberts, a recent UT graduate was honored with an Excellence in Counseling Research Award and Grant for her doctoral dissertation research, “Exploring the Construct Validity of the California Brief Multicultural Scale with Counselor Education Students.”

Victoria Sepulveda, doctoral student, was awarded one of only two CSI Internships. This will enable her to spend time at CSI Headquarters in Greensboro, NC, learning leadership roles and mentoring chapters.

Doctoral student, Amy Leigh Bandfield-Jones won the prestigious Outstanding Research Award for “Testing Hypothesized Differences between Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOAs) and non-ACOAs in a College Student Sample.” The reviewers noted that her research was well-organized, with a straightforward, sound methodology and use of statistics.

Chi Sigma Iota also named Dr. Martin Ritchie, Professor in CESP, the recipient of its 2007 Thomas J. Sweeney Professional Leadership Award. In the spirit of Dr. Sweeney's vision, leadership, and concerns for others, the Chi Sigma Iota Executive Council chose to create this award with the intention of recognizing others within the membership of the Society who contribute to the benefit of the profession. Dr. Ritchie will receive his award the weekend of Mar 24 at the American Counseling Association annual convention.

ACA Announces Winners of Student Ethics Competition

ACA offered its congratulations to the following programs for their hard work and achievement on the ACA 3rd Annual Ethics Committee Student Competition. The winning case study submissions will be posted on the ACA Web-Site at www.counseling.org within a week's time.

Master's Level: 1st Place winner Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Faculty: Dr. Tracy A. Stinchfield; 2nd Place Florida Atlantic University, Faculty: Dr. Larry Kontosh; and 3rd Place Johns Hopkins University, Faculty: Dr. Eric Green.

Doctoral Level: 1st Place winner University of North Texas, Faculty: Dr. Casey A. Barrio; 2nd Place University of Toledo, Faculty: Dr. Nick Piazza; and 3rd Place tie between The Ohio State University, Faculty: Dr. Lisa Hinkelmann, and University of Akron, Faculty: Dr. Cynthia Reynolds.
The UT team consisted of Megan Crotte Mahon, Amber Lange, Victoria Sepulveda, and Tara Meckley, doctoral students in the College of Health Science and Human Service’s Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology. The rules of the competition required that each team select a topic, research it, and write a manuscript to be submitted to the competition. The team recruited their Advanced Ethics professor, Dr. Piazza, to sponsor their submission. It is important to note that the rules of the competition required that the team's submission be completed without faculty advice, direction, or assistance, and was truly a student generated product.

Congratulations to the UT team on their 2nd place finish! These students have really demonstrated the quality of student we have in CESP and at UT.

CESP Doctoral Students Awarded CSI Grant for Grad Student Conference

The CESP Chi Sigma Iota Chapter, Alpha Omega, has received a CSI Chapter Grant for the planning and implementation of a student conference. Alpha Omega and the Northwest Ohio Counseling Association (NWOCA) are co-sponsoring the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan Student Counselor Conference, to be held on March 3, 2007, at the University of Toledo. The purpose of this conference is to allow master’s and doctoral students the opportunity to develop leadership and presentation skills while educating others in the areas of community counseling, school counseling, and counselor education and supervision. The conference is open to all students, faculty, and professionals. CESP doctoral students Victoria Sepulveda, Alpha Omega President, and Amber Lange, NWOCA President-Elect and CSI member, collaborated in the development of the grant proposal. Congratulations to you both!

CESP Doctoral Students Win CSI Awards while Ritchie Wins ACA Mentorship Award

CESP doctoral student, Victoria Sepulveda, was selected as the 2007 Chi Sigma Iota Fellow and Intern. CSI created the Leadership in Counselor Education Fellowship Program to assist future leaders in developing skills and competencies for leadership within the counseling profession. This is an annual program which offers outstanding CSI professionals, who are in the early years of their professional career, an opportunity to broaden their awareness and leadership potential. It is CSI's belief that this program will develop leaders who are better informed and better suited to the needs of a changing, developing profession.

Nominees for this award are selected based on their demonstrated willingness and capacity to provide leadership within their local CSI chapter and the counseling profession. Fellows at the international level are provided with a stipend of $300 which must be matched by $100 from the chapter to support their attendance at CSI Day during the annual convention of the American Counseling Association. On that day they will attend leadership training conducted by outstanding leaders in the counseling profession, represent their chapter at the CSI business meeting, attend a program conducted by CSI Scholars Across the Generations, and attend the CSI Awards Reception. They will have the opportunity to work with and learn from national leaders in counseling.

Two of the Fellows are selected by CSI International to be Interns for one year. Interns operate from their home chapters and work on special projects throughout the year with the CSI President, Executive Director, and officers. Interns will also attend the summer meeting of the CSI Executive Council as active participants.

The Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology is pleased to share with you the good news that one of our doctoral students, Amy (Bandfield) Jones, has been selected as winner of Chi Sigma Iota’s Outstanding Research Award. This nomination and award was based on a project she lead that investigated hypothesized personality trait differences between college students who were raised in homes where one or more of their parents was alcohol dependent and
college students whose parents did not meet this criteria. The results of this research have been accepted for publication by the Journal of College Counseling and are currently in press.

Finally, Dr. Martin Ritchie was selected by ACA to receive its prestigious David K. Brooks Distinguished Mentor Award. Again, we are pleased that ACA saw fit to recognize Dr. Ritchie’s nearly 3 decades of service to his students.

CESP Faculty Honored for Years of Service

Three members of the CESP faculty were honored at the 19th Annual Main Campus Service Recognitions Awards celebration held on December 4, 2006, in the Student Union Auditorium. Dr. Nick Piazza was recognized for his 20 years of service, while Drs. John Laux and Kathleen Salyers were each recognized for 5 years of service. The awards ceremony was hosted by Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, UT President, who also served as the keynote speaker. Dr. Jacobs congratulated all of the honorees and commended them on their dedication to excellence, serving as ambassadors for the university, their service to the university, and their positive attitude about the university.

Jane Cox Appointed CESP Department Chair

Dean Jerome Sullivan, Dean of the College of Health Science and Human Service, notified department faculty and staff on November 16, that Dr. Jane Cox is now officially the new Chair of the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology. (A brief bio of Dr. Cox can be found at http://hhs.utoledo.edu/cesp/faculty.html) Dr. Cox joined the CESP faculty in August, 2004, and received tenure as an Associate Professor last year. Dr. Cox succeeds Dr. Paula Dupuy as Department Chair. Please feel free to come by and congratulate Dr. Cox on her new position and thank her for serving as the Acting Chair since July 1.

CESP Graduates 3 New PhDs at December Ceremony

Three CESP students received their doctoral degrees at UT's December graduation ceremony. The three graduates were Andrew Burck, PhD; Dilani Diltz-Perera, PhD; Jean Roberts, PhD; and Christopher Roseman, PhD. Click on this link to view some photos from the ceremony: http://picasaweb.google.com/NJPiazza/2006Graduation.

Laux Wins Award at All Ohio Counselors Conference

Dr. John Laux received the Ohio Counselors Association Research and Writing Award for Extraordinary Research and Writing Ability at the All Ohio Counseling Conference in Columbus. Dr. Laux was honored at the Awards Luncheon on November 2 where he was presented with the award by Thelma Greaser, President of the Ohio Counseling Association.
Faculty & Students Win NCACES Awards

Many of our CESP Counselor Education faculty and doctoral students, attended the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES) conference this past Wednesday, October 18, through Friday, October 20, in Kansas City, MO. NCACES is a 13-state regional branch of our national association for counselor educators. We were very proud to have two of our faculty members and one of our doctoral students honored at this conference.

Dr. Kathleen Salyers received the NCACES Research Award, which honors significant research in the profession in the areas of counseling, counselor education, or counselor supervision. Dr. Martin Ritchie received the NCACES Outstanding Mentor Award, which honors an individual in NCACES who has been a significant mentor to graduate students, emerging professionals, educators, and/or supervisors.
Dr. Jean Roberts, a CESP doctoral graduate who recently defended her dissertation, received two honors. Jean received the NCACES Outstanding Graduate Student Award, which honors a graduate student in NCACES who has provided outstanding leadership or service to the profession at the state, regional, or national level. Jean also received a Research Award for her dissertation research, which included a $1000 cash award.

We were also pleased that 12 CESP faculty, students, and recent graduates presented nine sessions at this conference.

**CESP Announces Changes to Spring Schedule**

CESP wants doctoral students to be aware of a change to the Spring 2007 course schedule. COUN 8420 Advanced Practicum in Family Therapy is going to be dropped from the schedule and COUN 6500/8500 Advanced Theory and Practice of Career Counseling will be added. The Advanced Career class will be offered by Dr. Salyers on Thursdays and will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room HH3200. Doctoral students are strongly encouraged to enroll in this course as it is required for completion of all doctoral plans of study and may not be offered again for two years.

**John Laux Honored by HSC as Graduate Teacher of the Year**

On September 29, 2006, the faculty and administration from University of Toledo's Health Science Campus (HSC) held their 17th annual Faculty Recognition Dinner. Faculty from each of the four Health Science colleges (Health Science & Human Service, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Medicine) were recognized for their work in teaching, research, and service. Drs. John Laux and Kathleen Salyers were nominated for the Award for Outstanding Research, which was presented to Dr. Celia Williamson of the Social Work Department. Drs. Wendy Cochrane and John Laux were nominated for the Dean's Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching. The award for graduate teaching was granted to Dr. Laux for his outstanding instruction, but also for his interest in working with students. He was particularly commended for involving students in research, from data collection through publication and presentation of results. We in the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology are particularly pleased that one of our number was selected for this award, and feel that Dr. Laux is an excellent candidate. We like to believe that his commitment to teaching, advising, and directing student research is representative of the high value our faculty place on student centeredness within CESP, and congratulate Dr. Laux for his selection, and Drs. Cochrane and Salyers for their nominations. Nominations for this award came from students, fellow faculty, and administrators, and selection for the award was competitive.

**CESP Doc Student Takes on Several Professional Roles**
Amber Lange, a CESP doctoral student at the University of Toledo, was recently accepted as one of two interns for the Ohio Mental Health Counseling Association (OMHCA). This was a competitive position available to doctoral students who attend counseling programs within the state of Ohio. During her one year appointment, she will be fulfilling the position of Secretary for the Executive Committee. Her responsibilities will also include helping with the newsletter, membership, and the yearly conference.

In addition, Dr. Chris Roseman, past University of Toledo graduate from CESP, has asked Amber to execute his responsibilities as the Ohio Counseling Association's appointee to the Ohio Hazards Task Force. Dr. Roseman has accepted a faculty position in South Dakota. Amber's responsibilities include representing the Ohio Counseling Association and its members. The Ohio Hazards Task Force is a collaborating body who has agreed to come together to plan and prepare for disasters or crisis that may occur within the state of Ohio. Amber will represent Ohio counselors as qualified mental health providers who can respond during such an event.

Finally, Amber was elected to serve as the President-Elect of the Northwest Ohio Counseling Association (NWOCA) for 2005-2006. She will then assume the position of President of NWOCA during 2006-2007.

Amber is very excited about these new positions and is looking forward to advocating for the counseling profession within the state of Ohio.

Piazza Elected Faculty Senate Rep to UT Board

Nick Piazza, Professor of Counselor Education, was elected to served as the UT Faculty Senate's representative to the UT Board of Trustees for AY 2006-2007. The FS representative serves on the FS Executive Council, represents faculty interests to the BOT, and provides reports to the BOT and the FS. In addition, the FS Representative, along with other members of the Executive Council meets, regularly with the UT President, Lloyd Jacobs. Dr. Piazza reports that he is very honored to have been elected to this position and feels that faculty involvement is going to be crucial at this time in the university's history as UT and the Medical University of Ohio merge to become one institution. Dr. Piazza also said that he looks forward to working with Dr. Jacobs and the new UT Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Carter Wilson.